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SUBJ: SECRETARY'S VISIT: PRESS ARRANGEMENTS

REFS: A) PEKING 1651, B) STATE 184270

1. USLO OFFICER CALLED ON MFA INFORMATION DEPARTMENT FOREIGN PRESS LIAISON DIVISION DIRECTOR MA YU-CHEN ON AFTERNOON OF AUGUST 10 TO PRESENT UNIFIED LIST OF 20 HOUR ALISTS (REF A) AND TO DISCUSS MATTERS RAISED IN REF B. MA COMMENTED THAT ALL 17 REPORTERS WERE "WELL KNOWN" TO HIM AS VETERANS OF PREVIOUS PRESENTIAL, SECRETARIAL, OR PRIVATE VISITS TO CHINA; HENCE APPROVAL WOULD PROBABLY BE SWIFT. HE ASKED FOR NAMES OF STILL PHOTOGRAPHER, POOL CAMERAMAN, AND POOL SOUNDMAN AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. HE ALSO REITERATED REQUEST FOR TRAVEL PLANS OF EA/P DIRECTOR CANNON AND OF NONACCOMPANYING PRESS.

2. MA URGED THAT PHOTOGRAPHERS ARRANGE TO BRING THEIR OWN DEVELOPING AND PRINTING EQUIPMENT, PROMISING THAT CHINESE WOULD FACILITATE ENTRY OF SUCH MATERIALS AND WOULD PROVIDE SUITABLE AREA IN MINZU HOTEL FOR DEVELOPING AND PRINTING. HE OBSERVED THAT POOL PHOTOGRAPHERS HAD FOUND THIS A HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL

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SATISFACTORY ARRANGEMENT ON PREVIOUS VISITS AND CAUTIONED THAT NCNA (NEW CHINA NEWS AGENCY) WOULD BE EXTREMELY BUSY WITH ITS OWN REQUIREMENTS DURING SECRETARY VANCE'S TRIP AND UNABLE TO GIVE A HIGH PRIORITY TO REQUESTS FOR IMMEDIATE DEVELOPING AND PRINTING OF FILM.

3. MA REQUESTED THAT PRESS BE REMINDED OF NECESSITY TO

HAVE ITU CREDIT CARDS FOR FILING PURPOSES.

4. MA INDICATED THAT CHINESE PLANNED TO MAKE AVAILABLE ONE AUTOMOBILE (WITH ESCORT-INTERPRETER) FOR EVERY TWO JOURNALISTS AS HAD BEEN DONE IN THE PAST. ONLY EXCEPTION WOULD BE THE THREE TECHNICAL PERSONNEL, WHO WOULD PROBABLY TRAVEL IN THE SAME VEHICLE. (REF B)

5. PRESS ROOM AND FACILITIES (REF B) AT MINZU HOTEL WILL BE COMPARABLE TO THOSE DURING VISITS BY SECRETARY KISSINGER AND PRESIDENT FORD. EA/P DIRECTOR CANNON AND USLO OFFICER WILL HAVE OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS AFTER AUGUST 17. WOODCOCK

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